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## COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND HOME TOURS WERE A HIT

For a first year event, our Columbus Day home tour was an incredible success. Nearly 800 people, who were largely from Rhode Island, traveled by boat and by car to visit 6 homes over two days...and we were blessed with absolutely beautiful weather. (Some say we had paid for it with the Clambake!)

We owe our deepest thanks to many, many volunteers who are listed in this issue, and especially to the Home Tour Committee chaired by Mary Jennings. Specifically they are Katie Aheame, Pat Chase, Debbie Prentiss, and Ann Fiore. Those who kindly opened their waterfront homes for our benefit were Hugh D. (Yusha) Auchincloss, III, Anne Ramsey Cuvelier, Dr. & Mrs. Edwin Fischer, and Henry Wood, who provided two homes — Clingstone, which was open on Saturday, and the Robinson House, which was open on Sunday.

A full-color tour book was designed by Lynne Cullen, with ads assembled by Jeff Hall and printed by Blazing Graphics using environmentally sound inks on recycled paper.

Hats are off to everyone who participated in this marvelous undertaking! It was our biggest and most successful single fund-raising event to date.

## Hurricane Fran Made Clambake a Legend

Charlotte Johnson

No fair weather friends here...over 100 people attended our Native American clambake held on Saturday, September 7. Despite the showers which dumped 3.7 inches of rain on the festivities, it went on as scheduled. For most, the best entertainment was either constructing, or directing others who were constructing tents with old boat sails that had been slated to be taken to the dump. It wasn't exactly a teepee, but it worked!

We sincerely thank our bakemaster Don Weeden (Yellow Feather) who set the tone for the day when he instructed his able accomplices from the Pokanoket Tribe and other volunteers that the main rule for preparing food Indian-style is "to do it with a smile."

Some say that after 13 years with no rain, our luck had to change. Well, it did, and at the same time, it turned this clambake into a legend...No one will ever forget it!

With the weather-guessers saying that



Then there were those who came fully prepared for the rain... from left to right are David Dunlap, Clare Tague and Mark Tague (who won his ticket at our April Fool's Day Spaghetti Dinner...HA, HA! The joke was on him after all!).



Newlyweds Nanci & Jon Mitchell were featured keepers in a Providence Journal article this summer. Fortunately, they found a dry spot under the sails to have their dinner.

because of hurricane Fran, Sunday would be an even worse day, we felt safer going ahead on Saturday with mere "occasional showers" predicted. Well, we got drenched, the three cisterns got filled to the brim, and to rub it in, Sunday turned out to be only foggy and overcast. There was no wind and not a drop fell from the sky! They say hindsight is 20/20....Everyone had a ball, nevertheless...then, if they're like me, everyone took long hot baths when they got home!!

As for the annual clambake reduce-reuse-recycle-garbage report...a record-breaking one-half (that's 1/2) bag of non-recyclable trash was generated. Thanks go to everyone who separated the paper plates, cups and napkins to go onto the bonfire, the

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Giving Thanks to Our Supporters

We are grateful for the wisdom from our Pokanoket Indian friends who tell us that on the occasion of every Nikkomo, or full moon, they celebrate a thanksgiving for the blessings of that particular season. This year our traditional Thanksgiving Day Holiday happened to fall near the full moon on November 25th.

While we have thanked people in every issue of our newsletter, it is towards the end of each year that we reflect on the monumental accomplishments of the previous 12 months



Laura Jenifer and Eric Johnson were appointed to the Board of Directors. Above from left to right are Laura Jenifer, Bonnie Kennedy (Treasurer), Geri Pilkington (President), Karen Augeri Benson (Secretary) and Eric Johnson. Laura is a lawyer who has experience saving open space properties in Maryland. She has two children and will serve on our Education Committee. Eric Johnson is an accountant with Louanne Lawrence CPA and will serve as Assistant Treasurer on our Finance Committee. Welcome A-Board!

and the staggering numbers of people who need to be recognized for their generous assistance. This encompasses everyone who supports our programs, including our long list of volunteers, contributors, members, and the donors of furnishings and supplies for the office, for our events and for the Lighthouse.

Of course, when undertaking such a challenge, our biggest fear is that we might unintentionally leave someone out. So if we have neglected to mention anyone, we are truly sorry and ask that you let us know so we can correct our mistakes in a future issue of the newsletter.

Therefore, this issue is dedicated to the hundreds of people whose names appear on the following pages, each of whom is a blessing to us, for without their help, the Lighthouse just couldn't be. You are all "keepers" to us!

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and our staff, we wish you the happiest holidays and say — THANK YOU!

Geraldine R. Pilkington, President



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Please accept our apologies for any misspellings and omissions



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 31 CROMPTON GOT THE DRIFT AND BAGGED IT.

All during the year we scour the beaches for debris. The trash is carefully separated, each piece is counted, then bagged and brought ashore for proper disposal twice a year: the first is on Earth Day (April 22). The second is sponsored by the state DEM, Hospital Trust and the R.I. Audubon Society and was held on Saturday, September 21.

Our heroes, Boy Scout Troop 31 Crompton, took on the monumental task. They filled 15 bags of the little stuff and strung up over 350 plastic bottles and 50 buoys. Other high counts were 123 metal beverage cans, 105 plastic straws, 95 plastic food bags and 88 pieces of foamed plastic. The most unusual find for the beach at Rose Island was a plastic molded inside of a car door! Thanks to Denise Drapeau from "Green Flash Marine Photography" for capturing the activities on film.



"Light-A-Rose" was filled twice to remove all the beach debris in September. The next haul is scheduled for Earth Day in April when Lynn Tungett's scout troop will have the honors!

## FROM THE HOUSE TOUR Photos by Rob Lewis



Above: The 'Castle'  
Left: Clingstone



Above: Halidon House  
Left: Sanford-Covell House







## If you can't bring the kids to the Lighthouse....

...We'll take the Lighthouse to the kids. There is so much to learn from a lighthouse! We have designed a program for grades K - 5 that can be tailored to build a variety of skills and understanding in a fun and memorable way.

Pictured above are Mrs. Hawkins' third grade students at the Sullivan School who participated in a RIF (Reading is Fundamental) project in November. The children learned how lighthouses work, what it is like to live in one, and how bad lighthouses feel when they are left alone and become vandalized.

We are also taking reservations now for school groups to visit the Lighthouse in the spring. Because the costs are partially subsidized by the generous contributions of our members and friends to our Annual Campaign each winter, we are offering field trips on a sliding scale \$3 per person, including boat transportation.

To schedule either the Lighthouse coming to the school, or the kids coming to the Lighthouse, contact Charlotte at 847-4242.



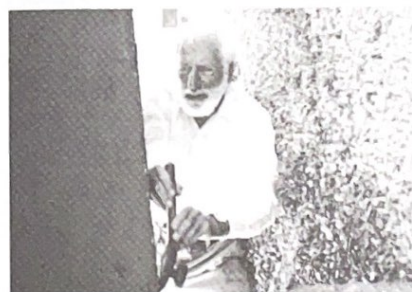
Thanks to Yankee Boat Peddlers' generosity, we were able to say "thank you" to some of our hard-working volunteers and supporters with a morning cruise aboard the schooner MADELEINE. Snacks were provided by our friend Jane Cyr from Frito-Lay. Peter Roos of the Newport Historical Society provided a most interesting historic commentary as we glided through Narragansett Bay.

Pictured are Joe Davis, Dave Hurd, Bill Nimmo, Kristen Horan, Judy Gardner, and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Chase.



Masons Rick Oriel and Lee St. Laurent made repairs to the north side of the bastion wall this fall. The next step is to pull out the weeds and fill in some of the cracks, then re-paint the whole bastion white. The work is scheduled for next spring. To volunteer, refer to the article at the end of this newsletter. Sherwin-Williams has already donated the paint!

NEW YORK TIMES writer Dianne Daddona and husband Paul were among our keepers this summer. Dianne's article, entitled "Lighthouse Beckons Vacationer, Come and Work" appeared in the TIMES on Sunday, September 15. Would you believe that as a result, we've already received reservations for the keeper's apartment from March through October?!! We've had to start a waiting list in case people's plans change.



Our hero volunteer Bob Day got a perspective of "Light-A-Rose" this summer that only the fish get! Bob worked relentlessly on our annual boat haul with Joe Davis at Casey's where it was high and dry when hurricane "Edouard" passed by...phew!

Some of our Home Tour volunteers lined up on the rail at Clingstone for this photo taken at sunset.





# WE ROWS FOR ROSE "A BREEZE"

The second annual "We Rows for Rose" regatta was held Saturday morning, September 28. Southwest tail winds gusting 20-25 miles per hour made the paddle out to the Rose Island Lighthouse from Fort Adams "A BREEZE" and "AN INCREDIBLE THRILL" for most of the participants. The toughest part was paddling back against the wind to Fort Adams where the prize-giving ceremony took place. Fortunately there was a lot of energy food on hand, thanks to Bagel Boys, Dunkin' Donuts and Frito-Lay.

Sponsored by Atlantic Outfitters, Bank of Newport, Music Hall Cafe and Cafe Zelda, the event drew paddlers in kayaks and canoes from all corners of Rhode Island, as well as from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. Nearly 100 people in 78 boats plus 20 volunteers contributed to this exciting fund raiser to support the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation's environmental education programs.

The non-competitive "anything that floats" Class 5 included recreational paddlers in rowing shells, whitehalls, canoes and even an innovative sit-on-top scull with a rear view mirror. Christian and Skip Davis, who were visiting from California, apparently started off with good intentions rowing a classic wooden Whitehall, but ended up showing their true colors by sailing it downwind to the Lighthouse using the oars as spars to support a jacket-turned-spinnaker.

Besides recognizing people for their paddling skills and endurance, the event also provided an opportunity to ogle other people's boats, to see the Lighthouse, and to win many randomly drawn prizes.

Kate Jennings of Newport, who placed first in Class 3 using a borrowed boat, won't have to worry where her boat will come from next year—she won a Necky Kayak worth \$450 provided by Necky Kayak and Atlantic Outfitters. Among the other sought-after prizes were warm fleece vests from Mount Hope Clothing and The Rockport Company, a Harbor Lighthouse afghan from Somethin' else, fleece blankets from North by Northeast, shoes from The Rockport Company and a night for two at the Lighthouse.



We Rows For Rose



Second Annual Regatta  
Newport Rhode Island

All entrants and volunteers received a 100% cotton, long-sleeved T-shirt printed by Arkwear with a specially-designed "We Rows for Rose" regatta logo by Newport kayaker Jane Tucker on the front and the sponsors' logos on the back. (Note to our readers — please contact us if you know of a company that would like to be a sponsor of next year's regatta!)

The top finishers in each of the four competing classes were as follows:

## CLASS 1

First	Jeff Fischer	Newport
Second	Mark Taft	Newport
Third	Gil Dering	Newport

## CLASS 2

First	Ned Flint	Newport
Second	Andrew Pemental	Portsmouth
Third	Sean David Fitzgerald	Portsmouth

## CLASS 3

First	Katrina Jennings	Newport
Second	Tom Rowe	Middletown
Third	Lysa Rowe	Middletown

## CLASS 4

First	George & Jeffrey Arnold	East Greenwich
Second	Joan & William Hitchcock	Middletown
Third	Melissa & David Kyle	Newport

The first woman to finish in Class 1 was Nancy Pease, who won a fleece vest from Mount Hope Clothing. In Class 2 the first woman was Meggan Dwyer, who won a Lighthouse cap stitched with the RILF logo in time for the event by New England Cap Company.



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

We rely on our volunteers to maintain our boat and the Lighthouse, to act as guides, and to help with specific educational projects, fundraising events and many other tasks. As you can imagine, member involvement is essential to our mission. Won't you bring a friend or a family member and be involved with your favorite event or project?

If you would like to be a volunteer, please indicate by checking the appropriate box and mail this page to us. Or, better yet, call Karen Augeri Benson at 847-2128 to discuss how your skills can be put to the best use in the areas listed to the right:

## EVENTS

- ☐ April Fool's Day Spaghetti Dinner
- ☐ Native American Clambake
- ☐ We Rows for Rose
- ☐ Columbus Day Home Tour

## PROPERTY

- ☐ Bastion Wall Repair
- ☐ Annual Boat Haul
- ☐ Garden & Grounds Upkeep
- ☐ General

## EDUCATION

- ☐ Visit to Schools
- ☐ Developing K-5 Course Materials
- ☐ Guide at Lighthouse

## OTHER

## SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

Our 1996-97 Annual Campaign is getting under way. Every \$10 you contribute before the spring helps underwrite one public school child's visit to the Lighthouse. So that we can offer a sliding fee schedule starting as low as \$3 per person (including transportation), we need your help. We are hoping to raise a total of \$5,000 for 500 kids.

Please use the form below to make your contribution in increments of \$10 to support each child's visit.

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Rose Island Lighthouse Ornament in gift box (\$11)  
 Package of 10 Note cards w/Pen & Ink drawing by John Philip Hagen (\$6) Sturdy Canvas Log Carrier (\$18)  
 Video - "A Visit to the Lighthouse" Crossed Paths production (\$20)

Call 847-4242 to place your order and for a quote on handling and shipping charges. Visa, MC AMEX accepted.

## — 1996-97 Membership Form —

If your mailing label doesn't say "97" it's time for you to renew! Please include your current phone number and write 'same' if the following information matches your mailing label on the reverse side.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street / P. O. Box City State Zip

### CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Student         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Senior            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Family          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Inspector         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Business          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Assistant Keeper | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Associate Keeper |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 Head Keeper  |   |   |

### ENCLOSED ARE:

- ☐ Annual dues in the category checked above
- ☐ Additional sponsorship of \_\_\_ students @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: ☐ Check/Money Order ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Please detach and mail with your payment to: RILF, P.O. Box 1419, Newport, RI 02840 Phone: 401-847-4242



## CLAMBAKE, FROM PAGE 1

shells to go back into the sea, the other organic materials to go into the compost pile, the silverware to be washed and used again, and cans and bottles to be brought back to town to be recycled. It is going to be really difficult to break this record next year...only one half bag of trash for the landfill, wow!

In addition, the clambake was made particularly fun for me because my children, Paul and Emily had come to help for the weekend. Paul, who is living in Montreal, brought his wonderful fiancée Karla MacDonald and her parents Sandra and Al, who pitched right in with the preparations. They spent the night at the Lighthouse and had clean-up detail on Sunday morning, too. That's my kind of in-laws!

Among the other special volunteers to thank are Emily "Morning Mist" Boyer and Lee "Brave Heart" & Eleanor "Bright Star" Edmonds of the Pokanoket Tribe. Also David Hurd, Catherine Kimball, Mark Malkovich, Emilie Martin, Laurie Shaw, Bernice Stiner, and Bob Zeigler.

A special thank you goes to Ron Fatulli, owner of Aquidneck Lobster Company, which has generously contributed half the lobsters for our clambakes since our very first "Dinner from the Bay" held in 1984. That's a lot of lobsters!

Other food suppliers include Blue Gold Mussels of New Bedford, the Boat House Restaurant, Chart House, Chase Farm, Clarke Cooke House, LeBistro, the Mooring Restaurant, Vaillancourt's Market, The West Deck, and Bill Waterson who donated the fish.



*"Raising the Sails" took on a new meaning at our Native American Clambake this year.*

Beer, wine and soda libations were kindly supplied by Aidinoff's Wine & Spirits, Fifth Ward Liquor, Rum Runner Liquor Store, Thames Street Liquors, The Toppa Company, Vicker's Liquors, and Wellington Square Liquors. Everything stayed cold and fresh thanks to Eastern Ice Company's donation of...guess what? And Oldport Launch and the Jamestown-Newport Ferry discounted their normal \$10 round trip fares. As you can see, this is truly a community supported event! Thanks to you all!

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